

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
CASE NO. 3:22-CV-00614-FDW**

JAMIE JOPLIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

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ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Plaintiff's Consent Motion for Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)(1)(A) and Costs, filed on August 7, 2023. (Doc. No. 15). Having reviewed the Motion, supporting materials, Memorandum in Support, and the case file, and upon Defendant's consent, the Court determines that Plaintiff should be awarded an attorney's fee under the Equal Access to Justice Act, ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), in the amount of \$5,200.00.

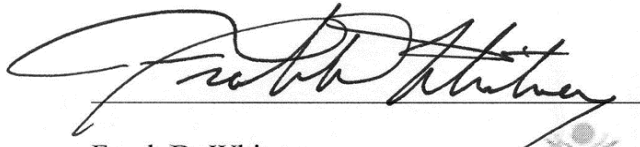
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Plaintiff's Motion for Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)(1)(A), (Doc. No. 15), is **GRANTED**, to the extent that the Court will award attorney fees in the amount of \$5,200.00, and that pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010), the fee award will first be subject to offset of any debt Plaintiff may owe to the United States. The Commissioner will determine whether Plaintiff owes a debt to the United States. If so, the debt will be satisfied first, and if any funds remain, they will be made payable to Plaintiff and mailed to Plaintiff's counsel. If the United States Department of the Treasury reports to the Commissioner that the Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, the government will exercise its discretion and honor an assignment of EAJA fees and pay

the awarded fees directly to Plaintiff's counsel. No additional petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) shall be filed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Plaintiff shall be paid \$402.00 in costs from the Judgment Fund by the United States Department of the Treasury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412(a)(1).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: August 14, 2023


Frank D. Whitney
United States District Judge